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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago;

(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Kuala Lumpur;

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(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar;

(h) The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

4. Emma Rothschild (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has been Chairperson of the Board since 1999. The nominated members of the Board are:

- Sir Tony Atkinson (United Kingdom), Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford University
- Yakin Ertürk (Turkey), Professor, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
- Jean-Paul Fitoussi (France), Professor of Economics, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
- Anna Hedborg (Sweden), Director-General, National Social Insurance Board
- Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina), Senior Researcher, (CONICET) Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Técnicas, University of Buenos Aires
- Amina Mama (Nigeria), Professor, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya (Russian Federation), Editor, *Pro et Contra*, Moscow
- Adele Smith Simmons (United States), Vice-Chair, Chicago Metropolis 2020
- Salma Sobhan (Bangladesh), Human Rights Advocate, Ain O Salish Kendra, Dhaka
- Jomo Kwame Sundaram (Malaysia), Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Malaya

5. The term of office of the following four members will expire on 30 June 2005, and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2007:

Tony Atkinson, Anna Hedborg, Amina Mama and Adele Smith Simmons

6. The term of office of Jean-Paul Fitoussi will expire on 30 June 2005. He will have served on the Board for four years.

7. Since Jomo Kwame Sundaram (Malaysia) has been appointed by the Secretary-General as Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as of 1 January 2005, he will no longer be able to serve on the Board.

8. A further vacancy on the Board has arisen due to the death of Salma Sobhan in December 2003.

9. The Commission will therefore be called upon at its forty-third session to nominate three new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2009. The Commission will also be called upon either to extend the term of office of each of the nominated members referred to in paragraph 5 above for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2007. The biographical information of new candidates will be circulated as an addendum to the present note.

Notes

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

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Note by the Secretary-General**

1. As set out in paragraph 9 of document E/CN.5/2005/4, the Commission will be called upon at its forty-third session to nominate three new members to the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to replace those members referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that document for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2009.

2. Two new candidates with appropriate qualifications have been identified for nomination to membership of the Board. Biographical information is contained in the annex to the present note.

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** As a result of the extensive consultation process required, the current document is being submitted after the deadline established for consideration by the Commission for Social Development.

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Annex

Biographical information

Mr. Christian Comeliau

Personal data

Nationality: Belgium, France.

Date of birth: 1937.

Present position

Guest professor at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, since 1980.

Education

PhD, Law, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, 1960.

PhD, Economics, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium,1960.

Experience

Assistant, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Catholic University, Louvain, Belgium, 1961-1962.

Researcher, subsequently full Professor, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, National University of Zaïre, Kinshasa, 1962-1974.

Country economist at the World Bank, Washington, D.C., 1974-1976.

Economist at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("Interfutures" project and the Development Centre), Paris, 1977-1981.

Economist at the Commissariat Général du Plan, Paris, 1981-1990.

Full Professor of Development Economics at the Institut Universitaire d'Études du Développement, Geneva, 1990-2003.

Occasional consultant for the World Bank, the United Nations and the French Ministry of Cooperation, since 1980.

Ms. Asma Jahangir

Personal data

Nationality: Pakistan.

Date of birth: 1952.

Present position

Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan, since 1992.

Advocate, Lahore High Court, Punjab, Pakistan, since 1982.

Partner, AGHS Law Associates, since 1980.

Director, AGHS Legal Aid Cell, Lahore, Pakistan, since 1984.

Education

Honorary doctorates in law from: Amherst College, United States of America, 2003; Queen's University, Canada, 1998; University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 1998.

Bachelor of Law, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan, 1978.

Bachelor of Arts, Kinnaird College, Lahore, Pakistan, 1974.

Experience

Professor of Law at Quaid-e-Azam Law College, Lahore, teaching constitutional law.

Consultancy on judicial reforms in Pakistan with the Asian Development Bank and on judicial reforms in Bangladesh with the World Bank.

Led civil society initiatives for peacebuilding in South Asia.

Columnist for national and regional newspapers.

Member of the Commission of Enquiry for Women, established by Government of Pakistan, 1994-1997.

Other affiliations

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, since 2004.

Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, 1998-2004.

Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, since 1998.

Council Member, Minority Rights Group International, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 2002-2004.

Executive Member, International Crisis Group, United States of America, since 2002.

Chief Economist Advisory Council Member of World Bank, since 2001.

Founder Member of Women's Action Forum, Pakistan, since 1985.

Co-Chair, South Asia for Human Rights, since 2000.

Honorary Board Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, since 1987.

Board Member, Commonwealth Lawyers' Association, London, 1997-2002.

Board Member, Interights, London, 1997-2002.

Member, International Executive Council, Defence for Children International Board, Geneva, 1996-2001.

Board Member, Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development, Kuala Lumpur, 1988-2000.

Executive Member, Punjab Bar Council, 1998-2003.

Director, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Montreal, Canada, 1990-1993.

Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, 1993-1999.

Executive Committee Member, Lahore High Court Bar Association, Pakistan, 1985-1987.

Council Member, Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, Sydney, Australia, 1985-1987.